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FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme

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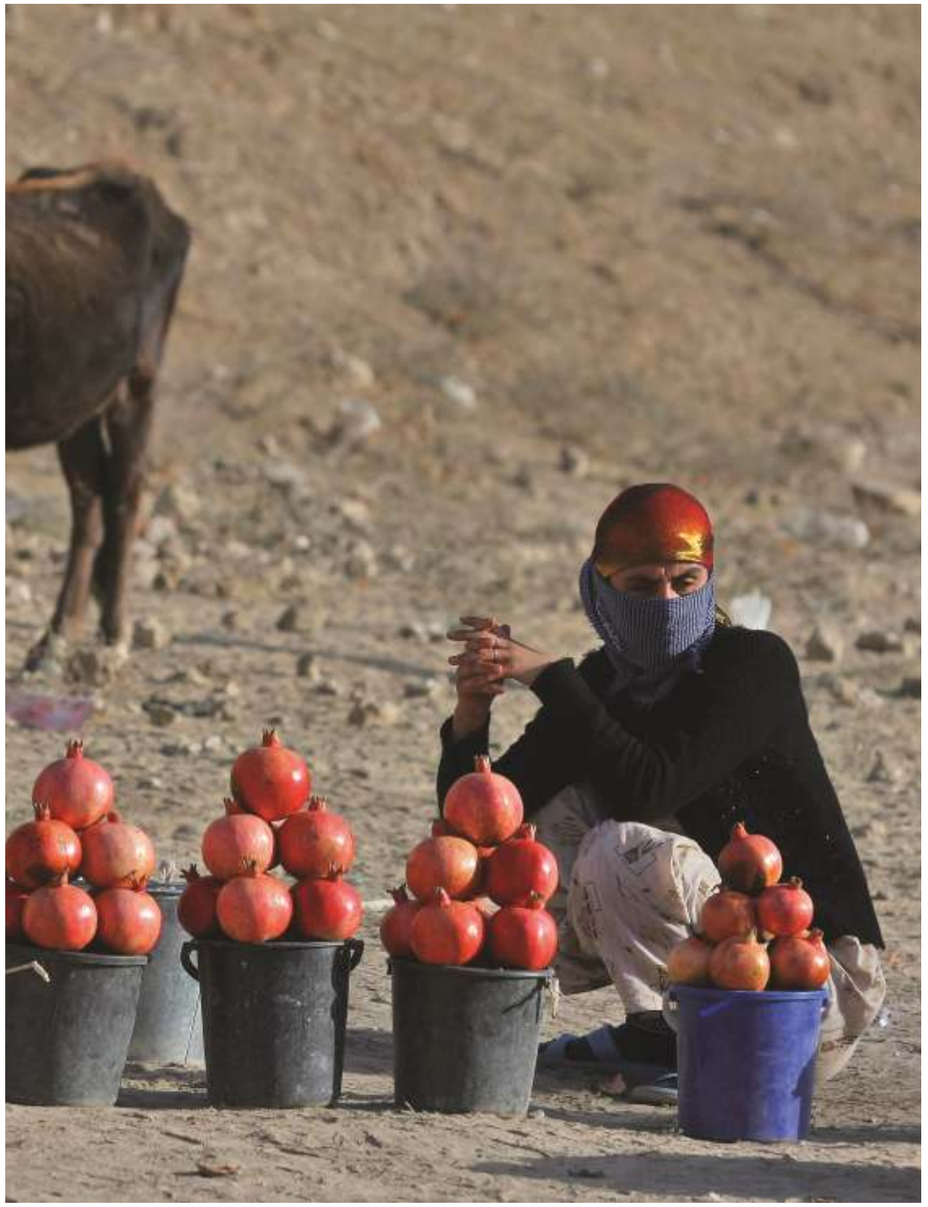

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FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia (FAO-SEC)

BACKGROUND

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The Government of Turkey, represented by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MFAL, as of 2011) and FAO concluded an Agreement in 2006 to set up FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP) with a total trust fund contribution by the Government of Turkey of USD 10 million over an initial period of five years (2007 – 2011) at the benefit of the countries assisted by the FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia (based in Ankara and covering Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan).

The primary objective of the FTPP is to provide a substantive, financial and operational framework for active cooperation in the areas of food security and rural poverty reduction in the above beneficiary countries.

The Turkish International Cooperation Agency (TIKA), Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs (MFWA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) and Ministry of Development (MD) also contribute to FTPP-related activities.

Within the scope of the programme;

- A Working Meal was organized for the delegates of member states in 2011 in order to provide comprehensive information about the programme.
- 7 Steering Committee Meetings were organized.
- 9 Technical Review Meetings were organized with the aim of monitoring the programme closely.

Substantive Scope of FTPP

FTPP is primarily defined by the six broad areas:

- Food Security;
- Agricultural and Rural Development;
- Natural Resources Management, including Forestry and Fisheries;
- Agricultural Policies;
- Food Safety;
- Animal and Plant Genetic Resources.

STATUS OF THE PROGRAMME

Since 2009, 30 projects were approved and funded under the partnership programme with a total allocation of USD 10.100.000

The distribution of projects since the first Steering Committee meeting, in relation to participation of countries is as follows:

Total budget: USD 10,100,000

Regional: **USD 4,100,000**

Multi-country: **USD 3,950,000**

National: **USD 2,050,000**

Projects

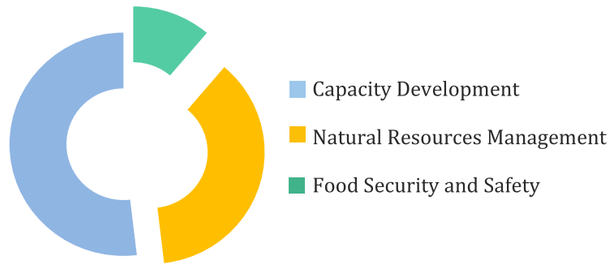
Thematic Area

The distribution of approved budgets in relation to thematic areas since 2009 is as follows:

Capacity Development: **USD 5,240,000**

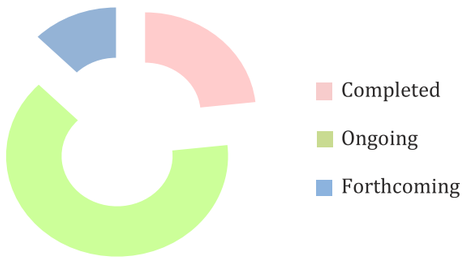
Natural Resources Management: **USD 3,730,000**

Food Security and Safety: **USD 1,130,000**



Budget

- 2 projects are pending for approval with an allocation of **USD 360,000** which corresponds to 12 % of the total FTPP funding.
- 20 ongoing projects with an allocation of **USD 7,390,000.**
- 7 projects were completed with a total budget of **USD 2,350,000.**



The Way Forward

With reference to Article 15 Section 29 of the Host Country Agreement, Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock (MFAL) and FAO agreed to start up new partnership agreement over an initial period of five years (2014 – 2019) at the benefit of the countries assisted by the FAO Sub-regional and Partnership Office for Central Asia (Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) and also other countries of mutual interest.

The primary objectives of the FTPP is to provide a substantive, financial and operational framework for active cooperation in the areas of Food Security and Poverty Alleviation in the above beneficiary countries and also other countries of mutual interest.

After final round of negotiations, it is expected that the agreements between FAO and the Ministry will be signed at a high level ceremony in 2014.

Thematic Areas:

- Food Security, Nutrition and Food safety
- Protection and Management of Natural Resources, including Fisheries, Aquaculture, Animal and Plant Genetic Resources
- Agricultural and Rural Development Policies
- Capacity Enhancement for Turkey

ECO Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (RCC-FS)

Project Symbol:
GCP/RER/044/TUR

The objective of this project is to assist the ECO Secretariat and member countries in the implementation of an Regional Programme for Food Security (RPFS), as well as strengthening capacities of both ECO and member states to ensure a successful and sustainable implementation and monitoring of the RPFS.
Major activities conducted under the project can be listed as:

- ECO-RCC staffs were appointed by the Minister of MFAL, consisting of the Regional Programme Coordinator, Mr. Ömer ÖZEL, and three technical experts, Dr. Ufuk BAĞCI, Dr. Kerim Nida ÇALIM, and Mr. Can Devin İÇEL.
- A special training on writing and presentation rules and skills was carried out for the ECO-RCC staff in Ankara on 24-27 June 2013 as an activity of the Project.
- ECO-RCC website, www.eco-rccfs.org, was launched in July 2013 for disseminating information on RCC events, RPFS and enhancing communication among ECO Member States.
- The Regional Programme Coordinator visited Iran on 08-10 September 2013 to deliver a presentation to the ECO Council of Permanent Representatives (CPR) at the ECO Secretariat Headquarters on establishment of ECO-RCC, its goals and working principles, past and future activities of the Centre as well as RPFS.
- The first phase of the Food Security and Project Cycle Management Training Program was successfully completed in Ankara on 18 November - 7 December 2013.
- Procurement process of first group of office equipment was finalized including 1 multi-function printer, 4 notebook computers, camera, sound recording, projector and a computer server.

Funding Modality:
FTPP

Beneficiary Countries:
7 SEC Countries
3 ECO Countries

Duration:
3 years
(1 April 2013- 31 March 2016)

Budget:
USD 500,000

Thematic area:
Food Security/Capacity Development

Capacity Development Support to Rural Women on the Socio-economic and Gender Aspects of Sustainable Rural Development

Project Symbol:
GCP/SEC/007/TUR

Funding Modality:
FTPP

Beneficiary Countries:
Turkey
Azerbaijan

Duration:
2 years
(20 May 2013- 17 April 2015)

Budget:
USD 250,000

Thematic area:
Capacity Development

The objective of the project is to increase the capacity of rural women and women's organizations via training and awareness raising on a wide variety of subjects through strengthening training and extension services for rural women nationally

Major Progress

- The project has been officially launched with an inception workshop which took place in Ankara, Turkey on April 15th 2014 with the participation of the main stakeholders as well as farmer representatives and members of the parliament.
- Within the scope of the project, FAO in collaboration with MFAL, will support the development of a need analysis and training strategy in three pilot provinces in Turkey; Kastamonu, Antalya and Kars and Samukh, Khachmaz and Salyan in Azerbaijan. The provinces have been selected based on the regional differences, agricultural production patterns and capacity of women's organizations in those cities.
- At the end of the project, 90 women in three pilot provinces in Turkey will be trained under the guidance of project experts. 30 trainers from both countries will also be trained on effective training tools and technologies.

Protection and Cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in West Mediterranean Region in Turkey

Project Symbol:
UTF/TUR/058/TUR

Funding Modality:
FTPP

Beneficiary Country:
Turkey

Duration:
2 years
(08 May 2012-08 April 2014)

Budget:
USD 180,000

Thematic area:
Capacity Development

The objective of the project is to improve preservation and utilization of genetic resources of medicinal and aromatic plants by enhancing technical capacities, collection and conservation of germplasm in the gene bank, cultivation in the experimental plots as well as improved policy and strategies.

The major activities conducted under the project can be listed as:

- The inception workshop was conducted in May 2012 in Antalya, Turkey. The work plan was discussed and reviewed by the stakeholders in the workshop.
- The training on evaluation and characterization of MAP species was conducted on June 2012 in Antalya.
- Trainings for trainers on quality evaluation of raw material were conducted in November and December 2012 in Eskisehir and Antalya respectively.
- The training on Biochemical assays of the active ingredients including comparisons of the properties of wild and domesticated progeny and to ascertain the genetic diversity of the accessions was conducted in July 2012.
- Leaflets, posters and booklets on MAP conservation and utilization for beneficiaries developed and ready for printing.
- Demonstration plots for cultivation of MAP are established in BATEM.

Central Asia Regional Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (FISHDEV-CA)

Project Symbol:
GCP/RER/031/TUR

Funding Modality:
FTPP

Beneficiary Countries:
7 SEC Countries

Duration:
5 years (05 Dec 2009-04 Dec 2014

Budget:
USD 1,800,000

Thematic area:
Natural Resources Management

The development goal of the Central Asia Regional Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (FISHDEV Central Asia) is to increase the Central Asian fisheries and aquaculture sector performance in terms of its capacity to generate food, employment and income, and in terms of its economic viability, environmental compatibility and social acceptability.

The Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (CACFish) is a Regional Fisheries Management Organization established under the article XIV of the FAO Constitution and it is one of the marked achievements of the FishDev Programme. The Inaugural Session of CACFish was held in Istanbul, Turkey (19-21 December 2011). The 5-Year Work Programme for CACFish has been prepared. The first session of Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the CACFish was organized in Kiev, Ukraine from 20 to 22 November 2012. The programme will further act as a catalyst for the development of the CACFish and the implementation of a framework for sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the region.

Major activities:

- Increased membership of FAO-SEC countries in the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI).
- Increased participation of SEC countries in the global fora such as COFI and its Subcommittee on Aquaculture Introduced the FAO-SEC countries to the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.
- Increased institutional capacity building in fisheries and aquaculture.
- Carried out fishery and aquaculture sector review in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.
- Prepared several fishery and aquaculture projects in the Central Asia and Caucasus region
- FAO-SEC contributed to translating the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and six of the Code's Technical Guidelines into Russian, and supported their publication and dissemination.

Good Practices

Conservation Agriculture and Resource Conserving Technologies for Irrigated Areas in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Project Symbol:
GCP/RER/030/TUR

Funding Modality:
FTPP

Beneficiary Countries:
Azerbaijan,
Kazakhstan,
Turkmenistan,
Uzbekistan

Duration:
2 years
(08 May 2012- 08 April 2014)

Budget:
USD 600,000

Thematic area:
Natural Resources Management

The objective of the project was to improve rural livelihoods and food security levels through increased productivity of irrigated farming systems in four Central Asian countries - Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

- A regional inception workshop was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on 31 January - 1 February 2011 with the participation of officials and researchers from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and ICARDA. Additionally, national inception workshops were conducted in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.
- The field equipment (no-till drills, sprayers, moisture meters, etc.) delivered to the project sites that allowed establishing demonstration of no-till technology in combination with the residue retaining and diversification of cropping system.
- In Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan the project outcomes disseminated through the national TVs and other mass media.
- The project national personnel contributed in the study carried out by FAO-SEC in cooperation with CIMMYT and ICARDA on the status of conservation agriculture in Central Asia. The outcomes of the study were published as a report, including the guidelines for policymakers on promotion of conservation agriculture in the national policies, and were submitted to the Governments of SEC countries.
- The outcomes of the project will be replicated in other projects foreseen in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan on promotion of conservation agriculture through development of farmers' field schools (FFS).
- Project final workshop was conducted on 10-11 December 2013 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan with the aim of discussing the project achievements, carrying out gap analysis and defining future of Conservation Agriculture in the region.

PROJECTS

Sub-regional Projects

	Project	Beneficiaries	Duration	Budget
1	Initiative for Pesticides and Pest Management in Central Asia and Turkey **GCP/RER/035/TUR**	7 SEC Countries	3,5 y	450,000
2	Central Asia Regional Programme for Fisheries and Aquaculture Development (FishDev-CA) **GCP/RER/031/TUR**	7 SEC Countries	5 y	1,800,000
3	Seed Sector Development in Countries of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) **GCP/INT/123/MUL**	7 SEC Countries + 3 ECO countries	2 y	350,000
4	Promoting the management of animal genetic resources in SEC countries **GCP/SEC/003/TUR**	6 SEC Countries	3 y	700,000
5	Enhancing Visibility of the FAO-Turkey Partnership Programme (FTPP) **GCP/SEC/009/TUR**	7 SEC Countries	3y	200,000
6	ECO Regional Coordination Centre for Food Security (RCC-FS) **GCP/RER/044/TUR**	ECO Countries	3 y	500,000
7	Identification and formulation of a regional project to strengthen scientific, technical and institutional cooperation to support responsible fisheries in the Black Sea **GCP/RER/025/TUR**	BUL-GEOG-ROM-RUS-TUR-UKR	2 y	100,000

Multi-Country Projects

	Project	Beneficiaries	Duration	Budget
1	Capacity Development for Analysis and Strengthening of Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) in Central Asia and Turkey **GCP/RER/029/TUR**	KYR, TAJ, TUR, UZB, AZE	2,5 y	220,000
2	Mutually Acceptable Mechanism on Integrated Use of Water Resources in Central Asia through Applying a Scenario Approach **GCP/INT/137/TUR**	KAZ, KYR, TAJ, UZB, AFG	1 y	450,000
3	Conservation Agriculture and Resource Conserving Technologies for Irrigated Areas in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan **GCP/RER/030/TUR**	AZE, KAZ, TUK, UZB	2 y	600,000
4	Identification, Assessment and Stewardship of Globally Important Agricultural heritage Systems (GIAHS) in Azerbaijan and Turkey **GCP/RER/028/TUR**	AZE, TUR	4 y	250,000
5	Capacity Building for Sustainable Management of Mountain Watersheds in Central Asia and the Caucasus **GCP/SEC/002/TUR**	AZE-KYR-TAJ-TUK-TUR-UZB	2 y	300,000
6	Capacity Development Support to Rural Women on the Socio-economic and Gender Aspects of Sustainable Rural Development **GCP/SEC/007/TUR**	AZE - TUR	2 y	250.000
7	Strengthening national capacities for production and analysis of sex-disaggregated data through the implementation of the FAO Gender and Agriculture Framework (GASF) **GCP/SEC/008/TUR**	KYR-TAJ-TUR	2y	330,000
8	Cattle production improvement in Central Asia countries **GCP/SEC/001/TUR**	AZE, KYR, TAJ	3 y	600,000
9	Towards better national and regional locust management in Caucasus and Central Asia **GCP/SEC/004/TUR**	AZE-KAZ-KYR-TAJ-TUK-UZB	5y	600,000
10	Capacity development in food safety risk management of food processing enterprises and national authorities in Kyrgyz Republic and Republic of Tajikistan (HACCP) **GCP/SEC/010/TUR**	KYR-TAJ	1 y	200,000
11	FAO-GIEWS Price Database and analysis tool **GCP/SEC/006/TUR**	AZE-KYR-TAJ	1y	150,000

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National Projects

	Project	Beneficiaries	Duration	Budget
1	Home Based Nursery Development for Improved Food Security and Environmental Protection in Tajikistan **GCP/TAJ/006/TUR**	TAJ	2 y	200,000
2	Capacity Building in Sustainable Forest Management Planning and Forest Fire Management in Syria **GCP/SYR/014/TUR**	SYR	2, 5 y	230,000
3	Development of an Agricultural Development Strategy in Kyrgyzstan for 2011- 2020 **GCP/KYR/008/TUR**	KYR	2 y	200,000
4	Protection and cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in West Mediterranean region in Turkey **UTF/TUR/058/TUR**	TUR	2y	180,000
5	Establishing a National Geo-Spatial Database for Soil fertility Properties, Soil Organic Carbon Content and Potential Chemical Fertilizer Consumptions **UTF/TUR/057/TUR**	TUR	2y	200,000
6	Strengthening of national and institutional capacity on land consolidation **UTF/TUR/060/TUR**	TUR	1y	100,000
7	Promotion of Water Saving Technologies in the Uzbek Water Scarce Area of the Trans-boundary Podshaota River Basin **GCP/UZB/002/TUR**	UZB	4 y	200,000
8	Improving livelihood of rural population in Azerbaijan through increased apiculture productivity **GCP/AZE/005/TUR**	AZE	2 y	200,000
9	Development of organic agriculture and institutional capacity building in Azerbaijan **GCP/AZE/006/TUR**	AZE	2y	200,000
10	Improving food security, food safety and living standards of vulnerable populations in Tajikistan through effective and sustainable control of brucellosis in animals and humans **GCP/TAJ/009/TUR**	TAJ	2, 5 y	180,000
11	National capacity enhancement and elaboration of strategies on mobilization of foreign investments to the agricultural sector of UZBEKISTAN **GCP/UZB/003/TUR**	UZB	22m	160,000